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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

GOSLING et al.

Application No.: 09/686,020

Filed: October 10, 2000

For: METHODS OF TREATING A
CCX CKR-MEDIATED
DISEASE (AMENDED)

Examiner: Bunner, Bridget E.

Art Unit: 1647

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 26, 2002. The original deadline for response was January 26, 2003, which because it fell on a Saturday extends the period for response to January 27, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The Office Action requires an election of two species: election of a specific chemokine and election of an CCX-CKR-mediated condition. With respect to the chemokine, Applicants elect the chemokine ELC (EBI-1-ligand chemokine). Claims 33-48 read on this elected species. With respect to the CCX-CKR-mediated condition, Applicants elect inflammation. Claims 33-40, 42 and 44-48 read on the elected species.

In making these species elections, it is Applicants' understanding that the Office will follow the procedure set forth in MPEP §809.02(c), which provides for a complete action on the merits of all claims readable on the elected species, and in MPEP §803.02, whereby upon the

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finding of allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is found.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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